

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 71

BY SENATOR MARTINY

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Provides for the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish. (8/1/12)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2266.3, relative to criminalistics laboratories operated by sheriffs; to exempt the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish from certain requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2266.3 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2266.3. Criminalistics laboratories operated by sheriffs of Calcasieu, Jefferson, and St. Tammany parishes included herein

The criminalistics laboratories presently operated by the sheriff of Calcasieu Parish for Vernon, Allen, Beauregard, Jefferson Davis, Cameron, and Calcasieu parishes, by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish, and by the sheriff of St. Tammany Parish are hereby authorized to operate within the terms and provisions of Chapter 13-B of this Title, as may be applicable, and to receive the benefits therein established, as fully as though said laboratories were in fact operated by legislatively created and authorized criminalistics laboratory commissions; however, except for the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish, said sheriff's laboratories shall be required to provide criminalistics laboratory services

1 for such nearby surrounding parishes as may elect, upon the terms provided above,
2 to participate in said laboratories, within limitations as are reasonably developed by
3 legislatively created criminalistics laboratory commissions, until such time as said
4 laboratories may become operated by legislatively created criminalistics laboratory
5 commissions. The criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Calcasieu
6 Parish shall be named and known as the Southwest Louisiana Criminalistics
7 Laboratory.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

Present law provides relative to criminalistics laboratories operated by sheriffs of Calcasieu, Jefferson, and St. Tammany parishes. Present law further requires said sheriff's laboratories to provide criminalistics laboratory services for nearby surrounding parishes.

Proposed law removes the requirement that the criminalistics laboratory operated by the sheriff of Jefferson Parish provide criminalistics laboratory services for nearby surrounding parishes.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 40:2266.3)